

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 2 and the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- One of methods for reducing the management cost is visualization of network storages. This is a technique for virtualizing multiple network storages as a single storage unit for clients.

A number of methods have been developed for virtualizing multiple network storages. A method is disclosed at the website http://www.maxtor.com/products/maxattach/products/applicationSpotlights/O TG_solutionsSpotlight.htm (Document 1), for example. The method is that a control server called primary storage that also functions as a network storage unit manages the file location information in a centralized manner. In the method, a network storage in which a file is to be stored is determined by time when the file is accessed last. Newly created files are stored in primary storage, and files not accessed for a certain period of time are then moved to secondary storage. The primary storage receives a file access request from a client. If the file currently does not exist in the primary storage, the file of the secondary storage is accessed. Thus, the network storages look to the client as if they were a single unit.--